CARELLA, BYRNE, CECCHI, OLSTEIN, BRODY & AGNELLO, P.C.

COUNSELLORS AT LAW

CHARLES C. CARELLA BRENDAN T. BYRNE PETER G. STEWART ELLIOT M. OLSTEIN ARTHUR T. VANDERBILT, II JAN ALAN BRODY JOHN M. AGNELLO CHARLES M. CARELLA JAMES E. CECCHI

DONALD F. MICELI
A. RICHARD ROSS
KENNETH L. WINTERS
JEFFREY A. COOPER
CARL R. WOODWARD, III
MELISSA E. FLAX
DENNIS F. GLEASON
DAVID G. GILFILLAN
G. GLENNON TROUBLEFIELD
BRIAN H. FENLON
LINDSEY H. TAYLOR

CAROLINE F. BARTLETT

JAMES T. BYERS

5 BECKER FARM ROAD ROSELAND, N.J. 07068-1739 PHONE (973) 994-1700 FAX (973) 994-1744 www.carellabyrne.com RICHARD K. MATANLE, II FRANCIS C. HAND AVRAM S. EULE RAYMOND W. FISHER

OF COUNSEL

RAYMOND J. LILLIE
WILLIAM SQUIRE
ALAN J. GRANT°
STEPHEN R. DANEK
ERIC MAGNELLI
DONALD A. ECKLUND
AUDRA E. PETROLLE
MEGAN A. NATALE
AMANDA J. BARISICH
ZACHARY S. BOWER+
MICHAEL CROSS

°MEMBER NY BAR ONLY +MEMBER FL BAR ONLY

JAMES D. CECCHI (1933-1995) JOHN G. GILFILLAN III (1936-2008)

September 13, 2012

VIA ECF

Honorable Jose L. Linares, U.S.D.J. United States District Court M.L. King, Jr. Federal Building & Courthouse 50 Walnut Street Newark, New Jersey 07101

> Re: Larson, et al. v. Sprint, et al. Civil Action No. 07-5325 (JLL)

Dear Judge Linares:

We are co-counsel for the Class in the above matter. We object to the request by counsel for objector Jessica Hall, Brad Lakin, to adjourn the settlement conference presently set for September 25 at 10 a.m. (Docket Entry 680)

First, Mr. Lakin has never personally attended *any* prior proceedings in this matter, so we do not understand why his presence at this conference is suddenly so vital. More importantly, the purported reason why he wishes to attend, his personal involvement with negotiating with Sprint prior to the negotiation of this Settlement, has nothing to do with the issues that need to be addressed at the conference, *i.e.*, notice and the "donut hole" issue. Rather, Mr. Lakin's negotiations with Sprint relate to his reverse-auction claim, which the Court previously found was "baseless". *Larson v. Sprint*, 2010 WL 234934, at *13 (D.N.J. 2010). The Third Circuit upheld that finding. *Larson v. AT&T Mobility*, 687 F.3d 109, 120 n. 18 (3d Cir. 2012) ("We conclude that the District Court did not abuse its discretion in rejecting Hall's [reverse auction] objection.") Thus, Mr. Lakin's personal knowledge relates to an issue which has already been resolved both by this Court and by the Third Circuit.

Class Counsel believes that it is much more important to have the conference go forward as scheduled, so that, hopefully, the important outstanding issues may be resolved and Class members can finally get the relief to which they are entitled under the Settlement. If there are any outstanding issues with Mr. Lakin, which we do not believe there are, they can be addressed separately at another time.

Honorable Jose L. Linares, U.S.D.J. September 13, 2012 Page 2

Thank you for your continued attention to this matter. If the Court wishes to discuss these issues further, we are available at your convenience.

Respectfully submitted,

CARELLA, BYRNE, CECCHI, OLSTEIN, BRODY & AGNELLO

/s/ James E. Cecchi

JAMES E. CECCHI

cc: All counsel (via ECF)